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SUBJECT: MISSING PERSON: ALEXEI V. JACCARD

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1. [REDACTED] ENTIRE TEXT).

2. MISSION RECEIVED VISIT OCTOBER 5 FROM MRS. PAULINA ELIANA JACCARD NEE VELOSO REGARDING HER HUSBAND, ALEXEI V. JACCARD, A SWISS-CHILEAN DUAL NATIONAL WHO DISAPPEARED IN ARGENTINA OR CHILE IN 1977. IN ABSENCE OF AMBASSADOR VANDEN HEUVEL, MRS. JACCARD WAS RECEIVED BY POLITICAL COUNSELOR AND BY MR. WARREN HEWITT, DIRECTOR, HUMAN RIGHTS AFFAIRS IN IO, DEPARTMENT OF STATE, WHO WAS ON PRIVATE VISIT TO GENEVA AT THAT TIME.

3. SOME OF BACKGROUND REGARDING JACCARD-DISAPPEARANCE IS CONTAINED REF A. REF B INDICATES US CONGRESSIONAL INTEREST IN THIS CASE FROM SENATOR EDWARD KENNEDY. MISSION IS POUCHING TO SANTIAGO AND DEPARTMENT (HEWITT) ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS PROVIDED BY MRS. JACCARD.

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1. MRS. JACCARD INFORMED HEWITT AND MISSION OFFICER THAT SHE WAS RETURNING TO CHILE, WHERE SHE INTENDED TO PURSUE

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HER INVESTIGATIONS OF HER HUSBAND'S DISAPPEARANCE. SHE IS PERSUADED THAT HER HUSBAND DISAPPEARED FINALLY IN CHILE RATHER THAN ARGENTINA. SHE WILL ARRIVE IN SANTIAGO OCTOBER 29, 1979, VIA SWISS AIR 200. SHE GAVE HER ADDRESS IN CHILE AS IN CARE OF HER FATHER, J. ADOLFO VELOSO, CASTELLON 557, CONCEPCION, TELEPHONE 26475. MRS. JACCARD ASKED THAT THE US EMBASSY IN SANTIAGO BE INFORMED OF HER ARRIVAL, AND MISSION AGREED TO DO SO. 5. HEWITT AND MISSION OFFICER EXPLAINED THAT SINCE NEITHER MRS. JACCARD NOR HER HUSBAND WERE US CITIZENS, THE USG AND SPECIFICALLY US EMBASSY SANTIAGO WOULD HAVE NO BASIS TO ASSUME ANY ROLE IN INVESTIGATING HER HUSBAND'S DISAPPEARANCE, NOR IN PROVIDING PROTECTION FOR MRS. JACCARD. MRS. JACCARD CLEARLY UNDERSTANDS THIS. SHE HAS NATURALLY INFORMED THE SWISS GOVERNMENT OF HER PLANS. SHE STATED THAT SHE WAS TURNING TO THE US GOVERNMENT ONLY BECAUSE OF US INTEREST IN HUMAN RIGHTS AND IN INVESTIGATIONS OF MISSING PERSONS. 6. WE EXPECT THAT MRS. JACCARD MAY CONTACT US EMBASSY SANTIAGO AFTER HER ARRIVAL. VANDEN HEUVEL

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